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GEE! HAW! MULES TO HELP WITH M-TRAIL CLEANUP

MISSOULA --

Mules from the U.S. Forest Service's Ninemile Ranger District will lend a hoof with the second annual M-trail cleanup on Mount Sentinel.

In preparation for the cleanup, a pack train will haul supplies like cement, posts and poles up the trail beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14.

The actual cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the trail head. The organizers include The University of Montana Volunteer Action Services, the Forest Service, Missoula Trails and Missoula Urban Forester Dan Rogers.

The groups encourage all members of the campus and Missoula communities to help out. They stress that no experience is necessary -- just enthusiasm, gloves, shovels, boots and water bottles.

Projects will include planting trees at the trail head, beautifying the Kim Williams Nature Trail and the area around the M, rerouting several legs of the M trail and planting native grasses where the old segments of the trail passed.

Participants should bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided.

This community volunteer project celebrates Earth Day, which falls on April 21, and National Volunteer Week, which runs from April 18 to 24.

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For more information, call project coordinator Pat Murphy at Volunteer Action Services,
243-2586. That group is sponsored by UM's Davidson Honors College.

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